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TO REFORMER SUBSCRIBERS.

Beginning January 1, 1908, we discontinued the practice of printing dates on the labels of papers to indicate the date of expiration of sub- Great Events and Movements Which scriptions. We keep a ledger account with each subscriber and give a receipt for every payment. The label plan is impracticable and is being discarded by nearly all publications. At the end of the year if your subscription is unpaid a bill will be sent you.

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year along the lines of civic betterment and industrial progress. It makes no pretentious claims to power and influence, no boasts of herculcan deeds performed, yet no one who reads it can fail to perceive that it records a work well worth while. It is with pleasure that we give publicity to such a document—blushing modestly at porary quarters with relatives in adjacent pour pour progress. The great majority of boildings were of wood but structures of other material were almost as quickly destroyed. Late in the afternoon the gale carried burning embers across Chelsea creek to East Hoston where buildings caught fire, but extensive damage in that section was prevented by prompt and energetic work. The burned district in Chelsea covers 350 acres. To protect the 10,000 homematical law. Hundreds of people left the scene of their desolate homes to find temperature of the protection of th a document—blushing modestly at complimentary reference to ourselves contained therein—for such publicity residents spent Sunday night in emergency quarters. Adequate relief measures must work to the advantage of Brattle boro. No town is in a position to secure its rightful share of prosperity unless it numbers among its institutions to Massachusetts, Fully \$1,000,000 is needed and a large share of this had already been subscribed.

some time indulging his fondness for hunting big game. But where, pray

In the recent election of Professor FIRE IN VILLAGE C. L. Beach to be its president, the Agricultural College at Storrs, Conn., has followed the example of its fellows in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire, and gone to the west for its executive head.—Boston Tran-

Is Vermont west of Connecticut?

If it should come to a pass, as now seems likely, that the employers' liability bill which congress passed last week proved unconstitutional Congressman Littlefield would be pardoned an audible snicker. He was the only mem ber of either branch who voted against A Dozen or More Buildings Were

It is tardy atonement for civic shiftessness when a town like Middlesex, that voted for license in March, asks the license commissioners not to grant

When the quarrymen's strike at Barre is really settled we hope it will be officially announced.

Rutland business men are planning

WEEK IN THE WORLD.

Are Making History.

the dates will be removed from the labels. Keep your receipt from year to year in case you question the accuracy of our records.

A WORK WORTH WHILE.

For those who are inclined to the opinion that Brattleboro is not alive to its opportunities, not alert to grasp any chance for success which may lie in its path, lacking a community of interests in behalf of a bigger, better and busier town we would prescribe a careful perusal of the annual report of the secretary of the local board of trade which is printed in another column. It sets forth briefly yet comprehensively what this association of Brattleboro business men has accomplished during the past year along the lines of civic better.

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the idea. Brattleboro knows how Shelburne Falls feels on this matter.

After his retirement from office—if that retirement comes next March—President Roosevelt plans to spend

C. E. Dewey, assistant general freight agent at Montreal of the Grand Trunk railway, has been appointed general freight agent of the Central Vermont to succeed Robert L. Burnap. Mr. Dewey was formerly division freight agent of the Grand Trunk at Toronto and is by training and experience well equipped for the position.

Death Was on His Heels.

tell, will he find any game as big as that which he has been relentlessly pursuing for the past several years?

The Rutland News is running pictures of prominent men of its city under the caption: One Reason Why Life in Rutland is Worth Living. We haven't seen Honorable John D. Spellman's picture yet.

Death Was on His Heels.

Jesse P. Morris, of Skippers, Va., had a close call in the spring of 1906. He says:

"An attack of pneumonia left me so weak and with such a fearful cough that my friends declared consumption had me, and death was on my heels. Then I was persuaded to try Dr. King.'s New Discovery. It helped me immediately, and after taking two and a half bottles I was a well man again. I found out that New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and lung disease in all the world." Sold under guarantee at F. H. Holden & Co.'s drug store.

OF ROCKINGHAM

Caused Loss of \$25,000 Early Tuesday Morning.

Burned to Ground in Less Than Miss Minnie A. Johnson of Beverly, Mass, is at the home of her parents, Mr. Three Hours—Cause of Conflagration and Mrs. C. C. Johnson, for her Easter Unknown-Many Thrilling Incidents.

The village of Rockingham, one of the wiped out by fire early Tuesday morning.
A dozen or more buildings were destroyed in less than three hours includes. only hotel, the general store and the postoffice, entailing a loss of between \$25,000 to organize an Aero club. Gas or hot and \$30,000, with insurance of less than half. That any of the structures will be half. That any of the structures will be rebuilt is impossible, as already families burned out are moving what few things they were able to save to other localities, and there will be nothing to induce re-

and there will be nothing to induce re-building.

Rockingham is located four miles north of Bellows Falls and of late years has consisted of about 20 buildings. A half century ago it was the center of ac-tivity in the town and was a flourishing village, but when the town officer and tivity in the town and was a flourishing village, but when the town offices and business were moved to Bellows Falls. Rockingham became a little country community, the inhabitants being descendants of the first settlers and occupying the original ancestral homes. A general store, which has been conducted by the Divolf family for years, supplied the wants of the inhabitants, but beyond this there was little business done.

Barking of dogs gave the first warning of the fire which destroyed the entire village with the exception of 12 buildings and the famous old church, which although in the path of the flames was saved with

and the famous old church, which although in the path of the flames was saved with difficulty. John Harris, who lived in one of the houses destroyed, was awakened by the sounds, and found his room full of smoke. He ran outside, expecting to see his own place ablaze, but found clouds of smoke pouring from the windows of the store, two buildings above. He ran through the streets, crying the alarm and rousing all the inhabitants. By this time the store was a roaring furnace. Clouds of burning brands flew in every direction, carried by the wind. There was nothing to check the fire, as the only apparatus consisted of a few hand chemical extinguishers. Sheets of flame and great clouds of smoke filled the only street. While a few men formed a bucket brigade, others, with desperate calmness, worked

others, with desperate calmness, worked to save household goods.

The hotel and hall occupied by the grange adjoined the store, and from these buildings a considerable amount of furniture was saved, men, women and children entering the blazing structures until driven out, snatching up everything

furniture was saved, men, women and children entering the blazing structures until driven out, snatching up everything possible, while burning timbers fell around them. In the hotel, Mrs. D. A. Ryder, an aged invalid, who is the step-mother of H. D. Ryder of Bellows Falls, made her home. She was removed with difficulty, being unwilling to leave her room. Charles Proctor, who owned one of the largest dwellings burned, is also an invalid, and had to be carried to safety.

An empty house across the road, owned by W. H. Griswold of Bellows Falls, was one of the first to go down, the flames leaping across and setting the shingles on fire. A large barn, nearby, was saved by hard work. The Divoll place, more than 100 years old and located near the store, then caught fire and in quick succession the Proctor place, two houses owned by Nat L. Divoll, several large barns, the hotel, hall, stables and outhouses were squared. The old church, famous throughout New England and one of the landmarks of this state, is located on an clevation. The grass in the vard blazed up.

oved from H. F. Weatherhead's cottage A. T. Stowe's house.

The junior Seminars are bolding rehearsals for a Biblical drama which they will present at an early date.

Miss Dasic Miller of Simmons college came Wednesday for a vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Helen Miller.

Mrs. J. L. State B. Mrs. J. L. Stockwell went yesterday to Vernon for her mother, Mrs. Martha Tyler, who will spend several weeks with

HAMLET ALMOST DESTROYED

Lemnel Smith, who has been boarding at Roscoe Fisher's during the winter, has returned to his home in Aeworth, N. H.

Miss Helen Weatherhead and Miss Maude Miller are to play with Miss Alice Titus at the Centre Congregational church Sunday.

Miss Carrie Hamlin is expected to re-turn today from Lempster, N. H., where she has been spending a few weeks with

Mrs. Isaac M. Robb, who has been under treatment at Dr. Lynch's hospital for several weeks, was able to go to her home Saturday.

Mrs. P. Viall of Bernardston, Mass., accompanied by her grandson, Lauren Pike of Wardsboro, have been guests at

Pike of Wardshoro, hav F. P. Viall's this week. Miss Sadie Hamilton came Wednesday From Randolph normal school to spend her Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hamilton.

Miss Olive Colton of Smith college and Miss Erin Mattison of Bennington are expected this afternoon to spend a few days at the home of Miss Colton's uncle, days at the

Mrs. W. H. French returned Wednes-day to her home in Hammonton, N. J., having spent several weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. M. Sparks, in of her daughte West Guilford. During the bard wind Sunday morning

a large portion of one of the maple trees was blown down in front of B. S. Miller's house. The accident occurred about 2 o'clock. No damage was done except to the electric wires.

W. R. Philips was an over-Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Knight. Mr. Philips has recently returned from his winter home at Goodall, Fla., and was on his way to Townshend to visit his mother, Mrs. Mary Philips.

Mrs. J. D. Philbrick was called to Til-ton, N. H., Tuesday by the illness of her brother, George F. Philbrick, whose death occurred shortly before her arrival there. Mrs. L. M. Keneston went yesterday to attend the funeral, which is to be held Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stockwell enter-tained several at hearts Tuesday evening. Prizes were awarded and a musical pro-gram rendered consisting of piano, violin

and vocal solos. The rooms were prettily decorated with flags and potted plants and luncheon was served. Announcements were received yesterday y relatives of Herbert Thomas Kelley of Bilows Falls announcing his marriage Tuesday to Miss Madeline Babbitt, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Babbitt of Bellows Falls announcing his marriage formed at the bride's home at 2.30 o'clock by Rev. F. L. Leavitt, pastor of the Uni-

West Brattleboro

Roy Barney has been housed by illness this week.

Mrs. E. A. Pratt is suffering from a abcess on her neck.

Mrs. E. F. Blodget has been housed by illness thy illness this week.

The Needlecraft will meet with Mrs. F. A. E. Stowe Tnesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Plant of Detroit, Mich., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Codding of Bellows Falls have been guests at L. H. Knapp's this week.

L. L. Stockwell has this week had at telephone installed in his residence. The call is 316-M.

E. Ernest Bailey of South Newfane came yesterday for a visit with his and, Mrs. L. H. Knapp.

The Near and Farther Lights' study class will meet with Miss Delia Smith Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Jane Reed has gone to Guilford to spend several weeks with her son, George P. Miller.

Probably "passed through" Brattleboro. Destination would indicate it.

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The Meddler

"If the coat fits you, put it on."

Two painters were at work Tuesday on a house on High street when the staging on which they stood gave way. One of the men managed to catch hold of a window sill and hang on until he could be rescued but the other fell to the ground, a distance of about 20 feet, and landed on a patch of concrete, Fortunately the man was not badly hurt, and even if he had been this paragraph would probably not have found its way into this column were it not for the fact that the painters were simply doing the work and the man who owned the house was furnishing the pigment. When the owner appeared shortly after the accident the painter who escaped related the details, telling how his companion fell on the concept had not been appeared by the painter who escaped related the details, telling how his companion fell on the concept had not been appeared by the painter who escaped related the details, telling how his companion fell on the concept had not been appeared by the concep could be rescued but the other fell to tails, telling how his companion fell on the concrete but neglecting to say how ly suppose that the owner would have inquired about the man's condition but he didn't. He simply asked this ques-tion: "Did he spill much paint?"

The frightful consequences of the apparently insignificant blaze that started on a dump in Chelsea, Mass. Sunday brings home to us all the dan-ger of allowing inflammable material to lie around in exposed places. What wind will do in the way of spreading fire is seldom given consideration until too late. In Crowell's park are quan tities of brush which were left when the timber was cut off last year. This brush is as dry as tinder from its long exposure to the elements and a single match thrown into any part of it would start a blaze which under certain conditions would certainly endanger many of the houses which closely border the park. Of course it is unlikely that the brush will get afire under such conditions, but there is chance all the same and one which is dangerous to take. Brattleboro people will spread when the underbrush o This blaze started from a dropped pipe and was discovered before it had made impossible to stop the flames before they had spread over a large area.

Brattleboro people need not be sur-prised if they awake some Sunday morning and discover "the lid" nailed down as tight as tight can be. The remorning paper will not put in its ap-pearance, the drug stores will not be open except for filling prescriptions, the livery stables will not do their reg ular Sabbath business and all other forms of business, amusement or recreation "except works of charity or necessity" will be under the ban. If this fearful condition of affairs comes about it will be due to a complaint registered with the state's attorney by someone unable to comprehend the old saying about moderation in all things. Various towns throughout the state blue law enforcement and as a rule one taste has been sufficient. The Meddler has hopes that Brattleboro will es cape any such silly show of sham piety but from what he has heard he fears that the spectacle will have to be made in order to satisfy some people who do not realize when they are well off and forget that "the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

Robert L. Burnap, for two and a half years general freight agent of the Cen-tral Vermont Railroad company with offi-ces in St. Albans, has been appointed as-sistant general freight agent of the Grand Trunk railway system and will have his headquarters in Chicago.

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